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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Bomi M. Bilimoria

Application No.: 09/870,442

Filed: May 31, 2001

For: METHODS FOR IMPROVING THE
HIGH AND LOW SHEAR
RHEOLOGY OF MINERAL
SLURRIES AND THE PRODUCTS
DERIVED THEREFROM

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Sir:

*Σ 1-6 and 8-43
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23-31 & 36*

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In reply to the Office Action dated June 7, 2002, Applicant respectfully requests

reconsideration and reexamination of the application in view of the following
amendment and remarks.

*esp white pigment,
alumina, SiO₂
Kashmir clay or CaCO₃*

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claim 7 and replace Claims 1, 5 and 22 with the following
amended claims, and add new claim 43 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for improving the high and low shear
rheology of a substantially grit-free and substantially fluid particulate suspension, the
method comprising processing the suspension using a rotor-stator mill to produce a

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of Truex mill*